

Ruth H. Craft collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Craft, Ruth H.
Title	Ruth H. Craft collection
Date	1836-1978
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
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Biographical Note

Ruth H. Craft was born in Washington Township, Putnam County, Indiana on August 14, 1894. As a child she grew up one-half mile from Manhattan, Indiana, living in a house on the National Road. Mrs. Craft saw the first automobile use the National Road. Her father owned a blacksmith shop and was called upon to pull the first cars from ditches to make repairs on the horseless carriages. Eventually, her father sold gasoline and oil.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence ranging from 1836-1978 and a typescript history written by Ruth Craft. The history is a collection of personal recollections and stories she had heard from other residents of Washington Township. Topics covered are Indiana villages, gold mines, stage coaches, taverns and inns, the first railroad in the township, postal services, the first community telephone, businesses, and schools. Mrs. Craft also identifies the ancestry of the first settlers of Washington Township.

The correspondence between Ruth Craft and James C. Winfrey, which includes documents dating from 1836-1978, focuses on Mr. Winfrey's efforts to trace the parentage of his great grandfather, Green Biggs.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed by Philip N. Williams during 1998. EAD finding aid created on 2016/08/26 by Bethany Fiechter.

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Biggs, Green
- Winfrey, James C.

Subject(s)

- Putnam County (Ind.)--History
- Washington (Putnam County, Ind. : Township)--History